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SUBJ: MAKARIOS'S "LE MONDE" INTERVIEW

1. SUMMARY: RECENT "LE MONDE" INTERVIEW CONTAINS SHARPEST MAKARIOS ATTACK ON USG TO DATE. MAY SERVE AS IMMEDIATE BACKDROP TO HIS CURRENT SWING THROUGH NONALIGNED CAPITALS. SEPTEMBER 18 "CLARIFICATION" DID NOT DILUTE THESE SHARP CRITICISMS. END SUMMARY.

2. FROM LOCAL RENDITIONS, MAKARIOS'S "LE MONDE" INTERVIEW WAS BLOCK BUSTER AGAINST USG. PRESS CLAIMS HE SAID (1) CIA MUST HAVE KNOWN OF COUP BECAUSE AMBASSADOR DAVIES MENTIONED IT TO HIM TWO DAYS EARLIER, (2) CIA WORKED CLOSELY WITH IOANNIDES, HAD "IMMEDIATE CONTACTS" WITH AND FINANCED EOKA-B (PROOF OF LATTER POINT WAS ALLEGED US-ORIGIN CHECK FOR \$33,000 FOUND IN HANDS EOKA-B FIGURE HAHOLIADES), (3) DESPITE RECENT KISSINGER ASSURANCES TO MAKARIOS THAT USG WOULD ACCEPT SOLUTION AGREED TO BY ALL PARTIES, "I
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BELIEVE THAT THE AMERICANS WANT PARTITION SO THAT CYPRUS MAY

BECOME PART OF NATO AND SO THAT THEY MAY GET BASES IN CYPRUS.
I AM NOT AT ALL PLEASED WITH THE POLICY OF THE USG....NOBODY
CAN CONVINCE ME THAT MR. KISSINGER WAS UNABLE TO DO SOMETHING."

2. ARCHBISHOP ALSO (1) FAVORED "FUNCTIONAL FEDERATION" BUT RULED
OUT GEOGRAPHIC PARTITION, (2) CRITICIZED AGAIN CLERIDES' HAND-
LING OF EOKA-B PROBLEM, CLAIMING THAT ARREST OF 10 LEADERS WOULD
SOLVE IT, (3) REJECTED ANY ROLE IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BECAUSE HE
"PRESIDENT OF ALL CYPRIOTS" NOT REPEAT NOT LEADER OF GREEK
COMMUNITY, (4) MILDLY CHIDED MOSCOW FOR FRIENDLY, AMBIGUOUS
ATTITUDE TOWARD TURKEY, (5) LABELED BRITISH POLICY AS FRIENDLY
BUT PASSIVE.

3. SEPTEMBER 18 PIO ISSUED STATEMENT BY "ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS"
(GOV'T HERE SLOWLY BEGINNING TO USE ECCLESIASTICAL TITLE
IN REFERRING TO MAKARIOS) CLAIMING THAT "LE MONDE" INTERVIEW
HAD DISTORTED HIS REMARKS, PARTICULARLY RE ALLEGED GUILT OF
GENERAL GIZIKIS (REF ATHENS 6841). STATEMENT MADE NO REPEAT NO
EFFORT CORRECT RECORD ON EARLIER REMARKS RE USG.

4. COMMENT: MAKARIOS HAS ESCALATED HIS CAMPAIGN AGAINST USG;
"LE MONDE" RHETORIC EMBELLISHES EARLIER-NOTED LEITMOTIFS (NICOSIA
3067). MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, MAKARIOS CONTINUES TO UNDERCUT
CLERIDES AT EVERY TURN. POOH-POOHING OF EOKA-B'S IMPORTANCE HAS
INCENSED CERTAIN QUARTERS OF FAR RIGHT, ALREADY JUMPY AT PLANTED
RUMORS OF MAKARIOS' RETURN, WHO WOULD LIKE CHANCE SHOW HIM
THEIR TRUE POWER. (THIS ADDS TO CLERIDES' INTERNAL SECURITY
PROBLEMS.) LASHING OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS VERY MUCH IN MAKARIOS'S
STYLE. HE MAY BE TRYING TO BURNISH HIS CREDENTIALS ON EVE
JUNKET TO NONALIGNED CAPITALS. END COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FULL TEXT OF "LE MONDE" INTERVIEW.

6. I AM SEEING FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES SEPTEMBER 19 ON
EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE TO JOIN MAKARIOS AT UNGA. I WILL
ASK HIM CONVEY MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO MAKARIOS,
POINTING OUT THAT FALLACIOUS AND TENDENTIOUS REMARKS OF
VARIETY REPORTED IN LE MONDE INFLAME THE ALREADY UN-
STABLE ATMOSPHERE ON CYPRUS AND MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR
U.S. TO PLAY HERE THE KIND OF CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE FOR WHICH WE
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PREPARED. AT APPROPRIATE OCCASION, I WOULD HOPE SAME
POINT COULD BE MADE TO MAKERIOS AT A HIGH LEVEL IN NEW
YORK, AND WITH ASPERITY.
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